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PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the protest activities in O Division associated with the Freedom Convoy protest in Ottawa (x-ref file 2022-74888).

BACKGROUND:

The Freedom Convoy was created as a means for truckers and others to demonstrate against crossborder Covid vaccine mandates and in support of the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa;
O Division's s.37 is monitoring the events in O Division and actively planning and tracking Divisional resources mobilized for the Freedom Convoy protests.

CURRENT STATUS:

68 members deployed to Ottawa on February 17th, 2022;
An additional 46 members were deployed on February 18th, 2022;
On February 17th, 2022, O Division deployed the Emergency Response Team (ERT) with s.4 personnel and the Tactical Support Group (TSG) with 58 members;
O Division members are currently being identified for deployment starting on February 23rd to
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March 2, 2022.

OTHER KNOWN/PLANNED EVENTS:

Windsor/Ambassador Bridge: No delays reported, fewer than 100 protestors attended the "Great Canadian Flag" rally which did not impact operations at the Bridge. Unconfirmed information suggesting that a potential protest could occur at the Canadian Embassy in Detroit, MI, on February 21st, 2022;
Cornwall/Seaway International Bridge Corporation: No information to suggest a protest will occur at this location;
Thunder Bay: Information suggests that a protest may occur in the near future at border crossing(s) in the area;
Toronto: Toronto Police Service (TPS) reported that a rally in opposition of the freedom movement convoys is planned for Queens Park on February 21st, 2022, but is not garnering interest online.

Open source information identified a “Stand Up To #TrudeauTyranny” protest at Queens Park Circle taking place today at 12:00 hrs.;

Ottawa/Parliament: The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) and assisting policing partners have commenced enforcement at the blockade. Arrests and the removal of vehicles are ongoing;

Fort Erie/ Niagara Falls/ Peace Bridge: No protests were observed at the port of entry (POE) in the Niagara region. A small group of individuals were reported waving Canada flags a couple of bridges away from the Peace Bridge. OPP followed a small convoy that was headed to Fort Erie and were blocked by the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) from setting up;

Nipigon River Bridge: Potential convoys and protests being planned at the Bridge for February 26th, 2022. OPP monitoring;

Kingston: On February 19th, 2022, a group of 30-40 vehicles formed a convoy through nearby roadways. A few counter-protestors attempted to block their access leading to minor confrontations.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

Situations are on-going and will be monitored.

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